



Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for erasing a road marking on a road lane comprising:

[[-]] a chassis adapted to travel over said road lane;

[[-]] a heating source mounted to the chassis;
and

[[-]] at least one positively driven rotatable brush mounted to said chassis, said at least one brush having bristles configured to be heated directly by the heating source and contactable with said road marking for applying heat thereto for removing the marking from said road, such that the only portion of the road that is significantly heated is that portion contacted by the bristles ~~and adapted for being heated directly by the heating source and for removing the marking from said road.~~

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the heating source comprises fuel torches.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the heating source is adjustable to a variety of distances from the bristles of the brush.

4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein one or more of the at least one brush comprises bristles of varying characteristics.

5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the bristles of the brush are contactable with the road marking with a pressure determined by one or more springs associated with the brush.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the bristles of the brush are contactable with the road marking with a pressure determined by an auxiliary weight associated with the brush.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the brush is replaceable.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises multiple brushes.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the brushes comprises bristles having characteristics different than those of the bristles of other brushes.

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein there are at least two brushes, at least two of which are caused to spin in opposing directions.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the apparatus is adapted to cause some or all of the brushes to be in contact, or be removed from contact, with the road marking.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for erasing a road marking on a road lane comprising:

[[-]] providing an apparatus comprising a chassis having mounted thereto a heating source and at least one ~~rotatable~~ brush with bristles, the brush being rotatable for moving the bristles between a first location adjacent said heating source and a second location spaced from the first location at which the bristles are contactable with the lane;

[[-]] bringing said apparatus to the road lane;

[[-]] causing said chassis to travel over said road lane;

[[-]] applying heat directly to the bristles at said first location; and

[[-]] causing ~~bristles of said at least one~~ brush to rotate and to move the heated bristles to contact the road marking thereby removing the marking.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12, further comprising applying heat directly to the road marking in front of the location at which the bristles of the brush heat and contact the road marking.

14. (New) A method according to claim 12, wherein said apparatus comprises more than one brush, each brush having its own heating source.

15. (New) An apparatus for erasing a road marking on a road lane comprising:

a chassis adapted to travel over said road lane;

a heating source mounted to the chassis;

at least one brush having bristles and rotatably mounted to said chassis,

wherein said heating source and said brush are mounted with respect to each other so that, when the brush is rotated, the bristles are moved between a first location in which they are heated directly by the heating source and a second location in which they contact said road marking for heating the marking and removing it from the road.

16. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 15, comprising more than one brush, each brush having its own heating source.

17. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 15, comprising at least two brushes rotatable in opposing directions.

18. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 1, comprising more than one brush, each brush having its own heating source.